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Dear Mr. Wehrum:

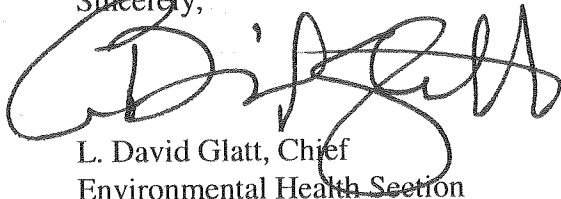
Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of North Dakota, we have completed "A proposed alternative air quality modeling protocol to examine the status of attainment of PSD Class I increments." A copy is enclosed.

Pursuant to Section III.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding, EPA has orally accepted the enclosed protocol. The protocol is based upon discussions between EPA and the Department that concluded on 28 April 2004. In addition, the Department plans to obtain information that quantifies correspondence between wind data derived from RUC-2 data and observed wind data

The Department will proceed to execute this protocol. Although the process of the MOU is ahead of schedule, the Department intends to complete execution of the protocol within the 75 day modeling time line provided by the MOU. Periodically, the Department will inform EPA of its progress.

We have appreciated EPA's assistance in addressing the important air quality issues. We believe our discussions and the protocol have resulted in the positive advancement of air quality modeling science and technology used to protect our most pristine regions.

Sincerely,



L. David Glatt, Chief
Environmental Health Section

enc. as noted

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